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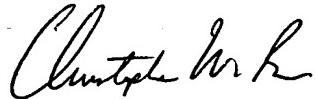
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3. U.S. Patent No. 6,354,913 is a U.S. counterpart of EP 0 933 166.

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